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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: PRG Meeting on Haiti, 10 December 1987

1. The primary purpose of this meeting was to discuss US strategy regarding Haiti. There were three options presented in a draft State paper:

1. pursue a low-key policy with little intervention, and let things proceed along a Haitian schedule;
2. work with the current military leadership to try to restore stability; and,
3. a confrontational policy to force change on the government or to remove Namphy, if necessary.

2. There was considerable discussion of the situation including a CIA intelligence brief, a briefing by Elliott Abrams on the scene in Haiti, and some discussion of the current status of aid assistance. Abrams indicated that the military had a plan in hand. They were planning to call elections, although it was likely that the Leftist candidates -- and even some of the Centrist's -- would not run. The likely outcome would be the election of a candidate that the military was comfortable with.

3. Mike Armacost indicated he was particularly concerned with our accepting a policy of aggressive confrontation. He said, "we are better at tearing down a government than we are of identifying a good constructive solution." The sense of the meeting was that we should end up somewhere between Options 1 and 3.

- Let the Haitians organize their own elections, but keep enough pressure on them that these elections are fair and the actions generally are consistent with US interests.
- We should continue with the suspension of assistance, but keep our option open for renewing it, and talk to Congress about keeping money in the budget.
- We should not have gratuitous attacks against Haiti and in effect keep our hands off, but keep the pressure on.

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The general idea is to retain a low profile. I do not think there is a plan to have an NSPG meeting on this subject.



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